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## Abbreviations

AA	<i>African Affairs</i>
AHS	<i>African Historical Studies</i>
AO	<i>Africa Quarterly</i>
AR	<i>Africa Report</i>
AS	<i>African Studies</i>
ASR	<i>African Studies Review</i>
AT	<i>Africa Today</i>

- CH *Current History*  
 CJAS *Canadian Journal of African Studies*  
 CMIR *Church Missionary Intelligencer and Record*  
 CUP Cambridge University Press  
 DR Dietrich Reimer  
 DUP Dar es Salaam University Press  
 EAER *East African Economics Review*  
 EAJ *East Africa Journal*  
 EALB East African Literature Bureau  
 EALR *Eastern African Law Review*  
 EAMJ *East African Medical Journal*  
 EAPH East African Publishing House  
 EAR *East Africa and Rhodesia*  
 EIHC Essex Institute of Historical Collections  
 FAO Food and Agriculture Organization  
 GJ *Geographical Journal*  
 GP Government Printer  
 HMSO Her/His Majesty's Stationery Office  
 IFO Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung-Africa Studiens-stelle  
 IJAHS *International Journal of African Historical Studies*  
 JAA *Journal of African Administration*  
 JAH *Journal of African History*  
 JAS *Journal of African Studies*  
 JDA *Journal of Developing Areas*  
 JEARD *Journal of Eastern African Research and Development*  
 JMAS *Journal of Modern African Studies*  
 JRAS *Journal of the Royal African Society*  
 MW *Moslem World*  
 NGM *National Geographic Magazine*  
 OUP Oxford University Press  
 ROAPE *Review of African Political Economy*  
 SIAS Scandinavian Institute of African Studies  
 STD *Standard*  
 TAR *The African Review*  
 TJH *Transafrican Journal of History*  
 TNR *Tanganyika Notes and Records (later, Tanzania Notes and Records)*  
 TPH Tanzania Publishing House  
 UJ *Uganda Journal*  
 UMCA Universities' Mission to Central Africa  
 USGPO United States Government Printing Office  
 WD *World Development*  
 WP Westview Press  
 YUP Yale University Press

## Introduction

The following bibliography provides readers with a general introduction to the field of Tanzanian studies. Most of the available literature is in English, although useful materials also appear in other European languages, including French, German, and Swedish. Comparatively few materials are published in Swahili, Tanzania's lingua franca, or in other indigenous languages. Scholars who desire more comprehensive surveys of writings should refer to the Bibliographies and Guides section of this bibliography, which contains references to the more significant compilations of sources on Tanzania.

Over the past few decades, much scholarship on Tanzania has focused on its history, foreign and military affairs, political and economic development, agricultural capabilities and prospects, and religions. Considerable work is still needed on Tanzanian health and medicine, especially with regard to the quality of rural health care and the impact of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and other newly emerging/re-emerging diseases. Additional research is also needed in such areas as Tanzanian prehistory, art and literature, urban affairs, the role and status of women, and the sociopolitical impact of the communications media.

Concerning the German and British colonial periods, books and articles normally fall into two categories. Those written before independence usually extoll the virtues of European rule, while those produced after independence are often highly critical of German and British colonialism. More balanced future assessments of the political, military, economic, and social implications of the colonial experience will undoubtedly offer greater understanding of Tanzania's historical development.

In addition to books and articles, archival data are essential to Tanzania scholars. Most available archival material is limited to the colonial and immediate postcolonial periods and is located on three continents. The Tanzania National Archives in Dar es Salaam and the University of Dar es Salaam library house a variety of documents from the German and British periods of rule. In Europe, records from the German era can be found in the *Deutsches Zentralarchiv*, Potsdam, which contains all former German Colonial Office documents, and the *Bundesarchiv-Militärarchiv*, Freiburg, which contains war diaries and correspondences from German military units participating in the suppression of the Maji-Maji Rebellion. For documentation on the British colonial period, several repositories in the United Kingdom are indispensable. These include the Public Record Office, Kew; Crown Agents for Overseas Government and Administration, Sutton; Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London; House of Lords Record Office, London; Hydrographic Department, Taunton; Post Office, London; Royal Botanic Gardens,



Kew; and India Office Library and Records, London. In North America, archival materials on microfilm are housed at the Consortium for Africa Microfilm Project (CAMP) in Chicago, Illinois. Microfilm copies of full or partial archival files are also located in many major North American universities, including Indiana University, Michigan State University, Syracuse University, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and West Virginia University. Before visiting any of these archival locations, researchers should inquire as to any special regulations and/or requirements pertaining to the use of specific collections of official documents and other materials.

Apart from items contained in this bibliography, readers interested in recent Tanzanian affairs should examine contemporary periodicals such as *Africa Confidential*, *Africa Research Bulletin*, *Focus on Africa*, and *New African* as well as leading scholarly journals including the *African Studies Review*, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, and *Journal of Modern African Studies*. The *Economist Intelligence Unit's* quarterly and annual country reports on Tanzania are also useful, especially on economic matters. Lastly, annuals such as *Africa Contemporary Record* and *Africa South of the Sahara* provide valuable sources of continuing information.

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